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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF L-AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION USING
CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

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**DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT
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Sir:

I, Thomas A. Cawley, Jr., hereby state as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the above-identified patent application, and as such I am authorized to act on behalf of Degussa AG, the assignee of the application.
2. Degussa AG is the assignee of the above-identified patent application as evidenced by an assignment from the inventors to Degussa AG (see enclosed copy).
3. *Corynebacterium glutamicum* strain DSM22/pRM17 was deposited with the Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSM) under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on March 4, 1999, and assigned accession no. DSM 12711.
4. DSM22/pRM17 is a depository in accordance with the Budapest Treaty for the above-deposited cultures. Should the cells mutate, become non-viable, non-functional, or be inadvertently destroyed, the assignee will replace such cells for at least thirty years from the date of the original deposit, or for at least five years from the date of the most recent request for release of a sample, or for the enforceable life of any patent issued on the above-identified application, whichever period is longest.

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